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This story can be summed up like a description of a "Rations"; menu item--one foot-long sub with balls as big as church _____ Plural noun in a spicy red sauce: the "Courageous Chris"; sub. Let me explain.

Chris and I used to _____ Present tense verb on the board of the South Portland/Cape Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce together. It was while we were _____ Verb ending in ing on the board when the election involving "No on 1"; was underway. This became a _____ Adjective topic of discussion among the regional boards on whether the Chamber would come out in support of "No on 1". The discussion centered on whether this was a business _____ Noun or a social _____ Noun and whether the Chamber should take a stand at all. I am sure you can guess what Chris and I thought about the _____ Noun.

The Portland Regional Chamber had scheduled a board meeting one _____ Adjective morning before the election to discuss and take a vote on how they were going to _____ Verb this situation. Chris and I attended. The discussion, for the most part, was _____ Adjective. Many of the board members were very uncomfortable supporting "No on 1"; because they felt it was definitely not a business _____ Noun despite the fact that several

of their Chamber members are gay and do _____^{Noun}_____in the area. One Chamber member went so far as to say that his religion would prevent him from allowing _____^{Plural noun}_____the right to marry. Well, this sparked a little outrage in both Chris and me as we listened to such an _____^{Adjective}_____debate. Chris, near the end of the meeting before they took a vote, spoke up. He started by saying he was _____^{Adjective}_____and lived in Portland with his partner. At that point the room went completely _____^{Noun}_____and around the table many heads dropped looking down as if they were _____^{Adjective}_____. Chris went on to say that he is a member, pays dues and has a _____^{Noun}_____here, and he was upset that the biggest business organization would willingly take his money for _____^{Plural noun}_____but would not _____^{Verb}_____him as a human being. Chris's voice got more _____^{Adjective}_____as he went on to tell the group--mostly _____^{Adjective}_____men in suits--that they were _____^{Plural noun}_____and he was disappointed that society would not change until most of this generation died off.

Chris's speech was _____^{Adjective}_____that day and I could not have been more proud to be _____^{Verb ending in ing}_____by him and watching those ignorant old men _____^{Verb}_____. It was a victory for Chris and for his friends who witnessed his amazing, Oscar-caliber performance. I always knew Chris had _____^{Plural noun}_____ but on that day they were balls as big as church bells.

I am looking forward to trying a _____^{Adjective} "Courageous Chris"; meatball sub from Rations soon.

Love ya, Chris, and Happy 50th!!